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FROM Mr. Friedman
No. Agent of U.S. Delegation
Dated 1947
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Facilities for Mr. Gordon Liverman to consult
U.S. Ambassador in Washington.
After Mr. Friedman, in short, making a
business trip to the U.S. and, among
other matters, regarding health and the like
of Liverman's interest, coming without opinion
regarding his trip. With that an instruction
is furnished for Liverman to contact
the Ambassador in Washington.

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Dept. Mr. Friedman.
from Mr. Beagle
Mar 26

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(Minutes.)

Is there any objection to our
informing Washington of Mr.
Liverman's visit to the U.S. & asking
them to help him if he gets in touch
with them on his arrival?

Q. B. Beagle
(Anne BEAGLE)
3/3/47

N. American Dept. first.

Q. Eastern Dept. see no objection, N.A. Dept.
would be prepared & agree to Mr. Friedman's request.
to attach a sub. to Chancery. Washington.

C. E. Ludlam
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C. E. LUDLAM

Eastern Dept.

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THE LONDON COMMITTEE OF DEPUTIES OF THE BRITISH JEWS

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A. G. BROTMANThe Under Secretary of State
or Foreign Affairs,
Whitehall, S.W.1.WOBURN HOUSE,
UPPER WOBURN PLACE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

27th February, 1947

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Sir,

Mr. Gordon Liverman, J.P., a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and for many years its Treasurer, is shortly making a business trip to the United States, and will, among other matters, concern himself with questions of Jewish interest, coming within the sphere of the Board of Deputies.

It is probable that he will desire to consult His Majesty's Ambassador in Washington, and it would be very much appreciated if for that purpose an introduction to the Ambassador could be furnished to Mr. Liverman.

Mr. Liverman is a Magistrate for the County of London, is Chairman of the Stoke Newington Branch of Magistrates, and a Governor of the North London Collegiate and Camden Schools.

He is also a prominent figure in the Rotary Movement, and was President of the London Club in 1935. For five years he was Grand President of the British Branch of the B'nai B'rith, an important Jewish social and welfare organisation, which has its headquarters in the U.S.A. He is a prominent industrialist, being largely concerned with box-making and ancillary concerns.

I trust that it will be possible for the introduction requested to be given.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

afors

A. G. BROTMAN.
Secretary.

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Washington
from
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26 March

Dear Mrs. ...

I enclose a copy of a self-explanatory letter which we have received from the Secretary to the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Mr. B. S. Danner is well known to us, and we are confident that anyone recommended by him would be a respectable and responsible person.

We feel sure therefore that if
the ~~Embassy~~ ^{Embassy} could give any
assistance to Mr. Liverman, it would be
worth while and much appreciated.

Yours ever,

Easton, May 5.

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OUT FILE 26th March, 1947.

Dear Chancery,

I enclose a copy of a self explanatory letter which we have received from the Secretary to the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Mr. Brotman is well known to us, and we are confident that anyone recommended by him would be a respectable and responsible person.

We feel sure therefore that if the Embassy could give any assistance to Mr. Liverman, it would be worth while and much appreciated.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Washington.

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Letter to Mr. A.
Brothman
(from Mr. Gandy)
Mr. Board of Trade, 10
A. Bailey Street,
London, S.W.1.
Dated 22nd
February 1946.

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OC 26th March

My dear Brothman,

We speak at lunch last
Thursday about your office
letter of the 27th February concerning
Mr. Givemann's forthcoming visit
to the United States.You will be glad to hear
that we have written to the
Embassy in Washington,
informing them of Mr. Givemann's
intention to visit them and
asking them to assist him in
the way you suggest.

Yours ever

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26th March, 1947.

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My dear Brotman,

We spoke at lunch last Thursday about your official letter of the 27th February concerning Mr. Liverman's forthcoming visit to the United States.

You will be glad to hear that we have written to the embassy in Washington, informing them of Mr. Liverman's intention to visit them and asking them to assist him in the way you suggest.

Yours ever,

(Sgd) W. Beeley.

(W. Beeley).

A.G. Brotman, Esq.,
The Board of Deputies of British Jews,
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7 July

Board of Control of British areas.
 Second copy of record of operations
 made on 16 July at the D.P. by
 members of Board of Control of
 British areas.

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

July 8, 1947.

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My dear BEELEY 10

I enclose for your information a copy of the record of representations made at the Colonial Office on the 7th July by representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Yours ever,
John Mathieson
(M.A.C. Mathieson)

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H. BEELEY, Esq., C.B.E.

Palestine.

Immigration.

Representations by Board of Deputies of British Jews.

4. Professor Brodetsky and Mr Brothman of the Board of Deputies called on Mr Martin on the 7th July to ask for some concessions on immigration policy during the period in which the question of Palestine was under submission to the United Nations. Mr Mathiessen was also present.

2. Professor Brodetsky said that he could not estimate how long it might take for the United Nations to decide on the solution of the Palestine question and how long thereafter it might be before when the solution was applied. Meanwhile the problem of the Jews in Europe who had nowhere to go was becoming more and more tragic. They were now faced with the prospect of another winter in the camps. When he had seen the Secretary of State at the time of the resumed Palestine Conference Mr Creech Jones had promised to look into the problem presented by this interim period and see whether any adjustments could be made. He now wished to ask if there ~~is~~ ^{was} any possibility of a change in immigration policy during this period.

An increase in the immigration quota now could create a profound impression and improve the general situation. The world-wide impression would be that Great Britain was really alive to the humanitarian aspect of the Palestine problem and a great response could be expected from the Jewish people of Palestine.

3. Mr Martin said that there was no reason to

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expect that the United Nations Committee would not ~~report~~ present its ~~report~~ by the 1st September and that it was certainly the intention of His Majesty's Government to do their utmost to have the Palestine question ^{to consider} ~~as early as possible~~ considered by the General Assembly ~~as early as possible~~ stage of the meeting in September. His Majesty's Government were as anxious as any Jewish organization could be to see an early settlement. The conditions under which the Palestine Government was forced to operate were intolerable and must be altered as soon as possible. He had also tried to bring home to the Committee the importance of presenting any recommendations that ^{they} might make for consideration by the General Assembly in the greatest detail possible, in order that there might be the minimum of delay in applying any solution which might be agreed to.

1. In the administration of the quota, the human aspect of the problem was always considered. The Palestine Government had only recently been considering how they might ease the position by bringing in from Cyprus to Palestine a number of children, who would thus gain early admission and be counted against the quota as their turn came round. The main object of the government of Palestine in allotting these certificates which they controlled themselves was to bring to Palestine ^{of such elements} the scattered members of families, ~~several whom~~ were already established there. Illegal immigration had made it inevitable to admit ~~tiny~~ certain numbers from Cyprus. The camps in Germany were, however, getting their share of the balance.

5. Mr Martin continued that it would be misleading to allow the representatives of the Board of

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Deputies to go away with ~~the~~ impression ~~that there~~ that there was ^{any} prospect of a change in the total volume of immigration during the interim period.

Whatever might have been possible, shortly after the decision had been reached to submit the question to the United Nations, had been ruined by terrorist action in Palestine. It was impossible to grant concessions to violence. An arbitrary change in the status quo at this moment could not be expected, as the principal element in the controversy now submitted to the United Nations was the question of immigration.

6. Professor Brodetsky represented that the admission of, say, 10,000 children above the quota would not affect the ratio of Arabs to Jews in Palestine or the final settlement of the problem. A gesture of that sort would make a great impression all over the world and would have a revolutionary effect on the position in Palestine ~~itself~~. He agreed that what was most wanted in Palestine was a quick settlement but such a settlement must have some real element of justice. The keeping out of the Jews from Palestine was a serious fault in the Mandatory Regime.

✓ Mr Martin pointed out that the Jews were not the only people with which His Majesty's Government had to deal on this issue, and that the Arabs for their part said that even the present rate of immigration in Palestine was a great crime committed by the Mandatory Power.

8. Professor Brodetsky said that Palestine, as promised in the Balfour Declaration, was the only hope of the Jewish people. The Jews had now been forgotten by the conscience of the world and even the rations of the remnants in the displaced persons

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camps had been reduced to the same level as their German oppressors. He rejected the suggestion that some Jews might wish to re-settle in Europe and contribute towards the re-construction of the Continent.

9. Mr Martin promised that Professor Brodetsky's representations would be submitted to the Secretary of State but indicated that he could hold out no hope of an increase in the quota during the interim period.

John Martin

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
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July 31, 1947.

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My dear Bulley,

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With reference to my letter of the 8th July in which I enclosed a copy of the record of representations made at the Colonial Office on the 7th July by representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews I enclose a copy of a letter which has been sent to Professor Brodetsky in this connexion.

Young ever,
Eric Matheson

(W.A.C. Mathieson)

H. BEELEY, M.S., C.B.M.

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August, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to refer to your visit to this Department on the 7th July, when representatives of the Board of Deputies raised with Mr. J.M. Martin the question of a possible increase in the monthly rate of Jewish immigration into Palestine. Your representations on this matter have now been fully considered by Mr. Creech Jones who regrets that in present circumstances he cannot agree to any change in the existing monthly quota.

2. You will no doubt have observed from the press that the arrangement forecast at the meeting referred to for the immediate admission to Palestine of 500 children from Cyprus has now been put into effect.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

PROFESSOR S. BRODETSKY,
BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS.

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FROM A. F. Bratman
No. Secretary of Deputies
of British Jews.
Dated 5/9/47
Received in Registry 9 ~H.M.G. Policy on leave of President Warfield
transmit plan for revision of H.M.G.
decided to send and President Warfield
leave to Hamburg. Suggests they be
sent to Cyprus.

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(Minutes.)

This letter has been mentioned
in the event. The news have now
been handled.

? No reply

S. E. Cable
(S. E. CABLE)
4/9I should think it would be as
well to leave this, as suggested. But
we should give them a polite
acknowledgement, if they are
well-disposed

Mr Becker first

H. S. Smith
Sept. 9

J. B. Sept. 9

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UPPER WOBURN PLACE,
LONDON, W.C.1

Bastion Dept
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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

5th September, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to request your kind consideration of a further plea for a revision of the decision to transfer to Germany the Jewish refugees now en route from Port le Bouc to Hamburg.

Our renewed representations are made in the light of the official summarised report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine. No. 6 of the unanimous recommendations of the Committee states:-

"The General Assembly shall undertake immediately the initiation and execution of an international arrangement whereby the problems of distressed European Jews, of whom approximately 250,000 are in assembly centres, will be dealt with as a matter of extreme urgency for alleviation of their plight and of the Palestinian problem".

The Majority Report, inter alia, says:-

"The United Kingdom shall during the transition period take such preparatory steps as may be necessary for the execution of the scheme recommended and shall carry out the following measures:
(i) Admit into the proposed Jewish State 150,000 Jewish immigrants at a uniform monthly rate, 50,000 of whom on humanitarian grounds. Should the transitional period continue for more than two years Jewish immigration shall be allowed at the rate of 60,000 a year. The Jewish Agency shall be responsible for the selection and care of the Jewish immigrants and for the organising of Jewish immigration during the transitional period."

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Even the Minority Report recommends in regard to immigration:-

"For a period of three years from the beginning of the transitional period Jewish immigration shall be permitted into the Jewish State in such numbers as not to exceed the absorptive capacity and having due regard for the rights of the existing population within that State and their anticipated natural rate of increase".

While it is appreciated that the recommendations of the Special Committee are subject to consideration by the United Nations, we would urge that advantage might be taken of the Special Committee's desire that on humanitarian grounds, Jewish immigration into Palestine should be on a larger scale than at present. Having regard to the extreme urgency of the needs of the distressed European Jews now in assembly centres and to the majority recommendation that 30,000 should be admitted to Palestine on humanitarian grounds, we would suggest for your consideration that some arrangement might be made whereby the 4,500 Jewish refugees on board the transports now on the way to Hamburg could be landed temporarily elsewhere, possibly in Cyprus. If landed in Cyprus they could await their turn for immigration, room being made for them by the transfer to Palestine of Jews already in Cyprus.

In common with the view of responsible organs of public opinion, we feel that such a step would go far to promote a better spirit and understanding in all spheres affected by the problem of Palestine.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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Draft. letter to
Mr. Brothman
Board of Deputies
of British Jews
from Mr. Birk

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Sir.
I am etc. to
acknowledge your letter of
the 5th September, on the
subject of Jewish illegal
immigrants who entered France
recently on the President Wilson.

You will since have seen
that these illegal immigrants,
having refused the opportunity
offered to them of landing in
France, have been taken to
the British Zone of Germany. I
am to assure you that it is
still the hope of His Majesty's
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you can rest that they will
accept the offer of asylum in
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(squ) J. S. Binn

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S. W. 1.

11th September, 1947.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bevin to acknowledge your letter of the 5th September, on the subject of the Jewish illegal immigrants who entered Palestinian waters on board the "President Warfield".

2. You will since, have seen that these illegal immigrants, having refused the opportunity offered to them of landing in France, have been taken to the British Zone of Germany. I am to assure you that it is still the hope of His Majesty's Government that they will accept the offer of asylum in France.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(894) T. S. Benth.

A. G. Brotman, Esq.,
The Board of Deputies of British Jews,
Woburn House,
Upper Woburn Place,
W. C. 1.

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Dated 1st British Env.
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Board on 21 Sept.

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The Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

WOBURN HOUSE LTD
UPPER WOBURN PLACE,
LONDON, W.C.1

Sir,

I am directed to send you a copy of a Resolution in connection with the Report of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine adopted by the Board of Deputies of British Jews at its Meeting held on the 21st September, 1947.

"The Board of Deputies of British Jews considers that the majority proposals of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine provide a basis for a solution of the immediate problems of the Jewish people and Palestine, and regards these proposals as an international recognition of the necessity of establishing a Jewish sovereign State in the Land of Israel, with the implied right of the State to regulate its own immigration and to apply for membership of the United Nations. The Board urges that effect be given without delay to the proposal of increased Jewish immigration during the transitional period.

The Board notes with regret that the proposals exclude Jerusalem and other districts historically associated with the Jewish people from the area allotted to the Jewish State and is of opinion that these matters need further consideration.

The Board of Deputies appeals to the British Government to take its part at the United Nations in securing on the lines of the majority proposals an equitable solution of the problem of Palestine and its speedy and effective implementation".

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ag Bishman
Secretary.

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UPPER WOBURN PLACE,
LONDON, W.C.1

20th October, 1947

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

I have the honour, at the direction of the Board of
Deputies of British Jews, to send you herewith a copy of the Resolution
concerning Palestine which was adopted at the meeting of the Board
held on Sunday, 19th October, 1947.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

AG Brotnan

A.G. BROTMAN,
Secretary.

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19.10.47.

RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

"The Board of Deputies of British Jews takes note of the statements of the representatives of the United States of America and of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and of other States accepting in substance the majority proposals of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, and expresses the hope that his Majesty's Government will join with these States in reaching a final solution of the Palestine problem and working out such a common practical plan for its implementation as will secure an orderly transition to the new régime in Palestine and afford it an opportunity of entering upon a period of development and progress under settled conditions."

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FROM O. T. Bratman
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Palestine Partition,
Transcript copy of resolution carried at meeting
of Board, welcoming the historic decisions
of UN in favour of Partition, and the
establishment of a Jewish State in the
Judea Land.

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Sir,

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the resolution in regard to the United Nation's decision on Palestine, which was carried at the meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews held yesterday.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews, in common with the Jews of Palestine and the whole world, welcomes the historic decision of the United Nations in favour of the establishment of a Jewish State in the Holy Land in fulfilment of the age-long yearning of the Jewish people.

The Board expresses its sincere belief that the Jewish State will worthily take its part in the march of all peoples towards peace, freedom and happiness.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews is proud that it was the British people and its great sons who brought about the Balfour Declaration and who helped materially in the development of the Jewish National Home. It prays that this fulfilment of Jewish hopes will be accompanied by the strengthening of the traditionally friendly ties between the British and Jewish peoples.

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